

MESSAGE FROM MR REID



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Thank to all parents who completed the surveys and had the opportunity to speak to the inspectors this week. Your fantastic support has been much appreciated. We are pleased to have completed the inspection and look forward to receiving the report which should be made public before the summer holidays. I know all staff are ready for a break over the weekend!

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SWIMMING

We hope to begin swimming next week depending on the weather to ensure the minimum water temperature can be maintained. Thank you to everyone so far who has contributed their pool donation. If you are yet to do it, please can I encourage you to do so as it makes a huge difference and enables us to sustain and maintain this wonderful resource.

SATS YEAR 6 SATS

Well done to all Year 6 children that worked so hard this week to complete their statutory tests in English and maths.



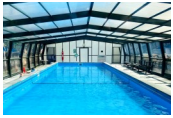
SUMMER PRODUCTION

As you can see below this year's summer production is going to be Matilda. I am very excited by Mr Clarke's and the Year 6 team's choice as it is an amazing show containing many brilliant songs. Year 6 children will lead the production and be on stage but the whole school is involved with all children in Years 3—5 singing in the chorus. I look forward to hearing the children learning the songs and the beginning of rehearsals nearer the time. It was wonderful to hear the scream of excitement yesterday when Year 6 found out what this year's production was to be. Thank you to the Year 6 staff for making it so much fun!



Have a good weekend!

NOTICES



POOL FUND

We kindly refer you to our **Pool Fund Donation request** sent by email earlier this week. Children will shortly start to swim again and we would appreciate a donation to our pool fund via www.schoolgateway.com



British Heart
Foundation

SAVE THE DATE – SPONSORED SWIM

Please save the date for our annual sponsored swim fundraiser:

Year 3 & 4 - 09 June 2022

Year 5 & 6 - 10 June 2022

We are looking for **10 parents** to help us over these two days—please indicate on www.schoolgateway.com if you are able to help.

(Two sessions each day: 9.00 –12.00 and 13.30—15.30)

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VACANCIES

Please [click here](#) to see our current vacancies.

Breakfast club - 7.5 hours per week

Kitchen - 16.25 hours per week

FUTURE DATES

17 May—Science Day

24 May—Year 6 Young Voices Trip

25 May—Amherst School Jubilee Celebrations

25 May—PTA School Disco

26 May—PTA Ice Cream Sale

26 May—Open Afternoon

26 May—End of Term

27 May—Inset Day

08 June—Uniform Sale

14 June— PTA MEETING

PTA

SCHOOL DISCO

The PTA are looking forward to hosting the school disco on **25th May 2022**. It will run between **17.30 –18:30 for years 3 & 4** and **18:30—20.00 for years 5 & 6**. We have a fun DJ and disco master planned as well as glow sticks and a snack. Please sign up via <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta> by **23rd May 2022**.



STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Sydney H
3MW	Ayrton G
3W	Lukas S
4C	Lyla M
4SF	Lily S
4S	Harris G

5A	Sven M
5J	Sammy W
5S	Annabel A
6B	Maxim R
6H	Lucas D
6SB	Emily G

SEEDS OF HOPE

Thank you all the pupils and parents who supported the Seeds of Hope Campaign run by pupils, selling Sunflower Seeds for Ukraine. We hope to see lots of sunflowers around Sevenoaks to support the children who have come to Sevenoaks and are missing their homes. We combined the sales proceeds from Amherst and Riverhead Infants, raising £130.15. Thank you also to Rachel, Carla, Amaia and Zach for all their hard work.



CHESS

In chess, Ben H from class 6H represented Kent in the EPSA U11 National Finals in Richmond last weekend. Ben won all three of his games, helping Kent to a 4th place finish (narrowly missing a bronze medal by half a point).



TENNIS

On Saturday 30th April three girls pairs and two boys pairs took part in the Sevenoaks Schools Green Tennis Doubles event at The Sennocke Centre.

The girls event was first, starting with the group stages. Amherst 1 pair Alice M and Olivia W qualified for the knock-outs comfortably after winning all of their matches. Our Amherst 3 pair Alex E and Emma G also qualified just ahead of our Amherst 2 pair Bronagh M and Imogen F which came down to a count back of the percentage of points won overall, very close with Amherst 2 just missing out on qualification and finishing 3rd in the box.



Alex and Emma were knocked out of the semi-finals by a strong Granville pair who would go on to meet Olivia and Alice in the Final. Alex and Emma still had a bronze medal match to play and after taking a lead against Wally Hall, the match turned and Wally just took the win for the bronze 11-9. A great effort to finish fourth overall for Alex and Emma who have both showed great improvement in their doubles play. Alice and Olivia battled hard against a very resilient Granville pair, but our girls net play and ability to drop the ball short was the tactical difference that allowed them to take the lion share of the points. The girls took the Final 11-7 and brought home the trophy once again for Amherst. A great effort from all 3 pairs.



Next up were the boys pairings of Shabd and Dimitris and Matthew and Sebastian. The competition was very strong and our boys unfortunately didn't qualify for the knock-outs but had an equal balance of wins and losses in the group stage so the boys gave a very good account of themselves, but more importantly had some great match experience and plenty of learning opportunities.



Well done to all of the players that took part in the event, I'm really proud of your efforts as always and the team spirit you showed throughout.

MATHS CHALLENGE

On Monday and Tuesday, 8 children from Years 4 and 5 represented Amherst at the Somerhill Mathematics Challenge. They all worked really well together solving challenging problems and beating many teams from other local schools. Well done Josh M, Oscar A, Summer J, Lauren D, Avani T, Mia L, James R and Ethan S.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

GREENPEACE · EVERYDAY PLASTIC

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT

16-22 MAY

LET'S INVESTIGATE TO STOP THE PLASTIC CRISIS

If you want to participate, please click on the picture.

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT

YOUR INVESTIGATION INTO HOUSEHOLD PLASTIC WASTE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.

LET'S COUNT!

LET'S INVESTIGATE TO STOP THE PLASTIC CRISIS.

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT

SO HOW DO I GET COUNTING?

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT

WHAT'S MY PRE-COUNT PREP?

HOW DO I COUNT DURING THE WEEK?

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Summer holiday fun

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May/June 2022

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